

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

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Standards:

The Department of Health is the State Standard-setting body authorized to license all hospitals and related health facilities in Puerto Rico (Act No. 101 of June 1965). To be eligible for a license, institutions must meet the following requirements:

## I- Hospitals:

- a. Organization of the Medical Staff, with by-laws, rules and regulations.
- b. Maintenance of medical record, and its contents, to evaluate quality of care through consultation, special reports, treatment orders, etc. Complete and up-to-date records must be kept for all out and inpatients;
- c. Staff Physicians and registered nurses must be on duty or on call at all times. Trained personnel should be responsible for services such as Dietary, Medical Records, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Radiology, etc.
- d. Fire safety, sanitation and maintenance of physical plan are stressed;
- e. Facilities are evaluated as to adequacy of space and equipment in all services and departments according to services offered to both out and inpatients;
- f. All patients admitted must be under the care of a physician duly licensed to practice licensed to practice medicine in Puerto Rico.

## II- Nursing Homes:

Nursing home standards are similar to those pertaining to hospitals with the following exceptions:

- (1) There is no need for an organized medical staff, and
- (2) The number of registered nurses is more limited due to the nature of the services offered.

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